

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is planning to replace Bridge Number M3003 (Gourd Creek Bridge) on Highway 377 in Searcy County. This bridge was determined eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as part of the AHTD's 2010 Historic Bridge Inventory.

The Moving Ahead For Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act, 23 USC § 144 (g) (5) states: "Any State that proposes to demolish a historic bridge for a replacement project ... shall first make the historic bridge available for donation to a State, locality, or responsible private entity." As part of the mitigation process, the AHTD is offering Bridge Number M3003 for donation to any government or entity that demonstrates a willingness to accept title for, preserve the historic integrity of and assume the financial responsibility for the continued maintenance on the structure.

The AHTD will reimburse costs associated with preservation that could include modifications for recreational use and historic interpretation (this bridge is not a candidate for relocation). The cost reimbursement to be determined by the Federal Highway Administration will not exceed 100 % of the cost of demolition of the bridge, which will be based on the estimate of the AHTD.

If you are interested in acquiring this bridge, please respond with a letter of interest within 45 days of receipt of this letter. For further information contact Robert Scoggin at (501) 569-2077.